

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 47

To direct the Architect of the Capitol to establish and display within the Capitol Visitor Center a suitable exhibit which depicts the Congressional careers, accomplishments, and contributions of the 22 African-American Members of Congress who served during the Reconstruction and Post-Reconstruction Eras, and a suitable exhibit which acknowledges the use of slave labor in the construction of the Capitol.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2007

Mr. BUTTERFIELD (for himself, Mr. CLYBURN, and Ms. NORTON), introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXHIBITS IN CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER ON**
2 **CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN**
3 **MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DURING RECON-**
4 **STRUCTION AND POST-RECONSTRUCTION**
5 **ERAS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF USE OF**
6 **SLAVE LABOR IN CONSTRUCTION OF CAP-**
7 **ITOL.**

8 (a) CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEM-
9 BERS DURING RECONSTRUCTION AND POST-RECON-
10 STRUCTION ERAS.—The Architect of the Capitol shall es-
11 tablish and display in a prominent location within the Cap-
12 itol Visitor Center a suitable exhibit which depicts the
13 Congressional careers, accomplishments, and contribu-
14 tions of the 22 African-American Members of Congress
15 who served during the Reconstruction and Post-Recon-
16 struction Eras, including the 2 African-American mem-
17 bers of the Senate, beginning with Congressman Joseph
18 H. Rainey of South Carolina (1870–1879) and ending
19 with Congressman George H. White of North Carolina
20 (1897–1901).

21 (b) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF USE OF SLAVE LABOR
22 IN CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITOL.—The Architect of the
23 Capitol shall establish and display in a prominent location
24 within the Capitol Visitor Center a suitable exhibit which
25 acknowledges the use of slave labor in the construction
26 of the United States Capitol.

1 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The Architect of the Capitol shall prepare and display
3 the exhibits required under this Act in time for the open-
4 ing of the Capitol Visitor Center to the public.

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